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Inventor: Kazuyoshi UENO /
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Title: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR
FORMING A VIA HOLE IN A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as
follows: